

**REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2006.

Claims 1 and 42 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such claims and similar claims in a continuation application at a later date.

Claims 2-15, 17-23, 25-31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 40 and 41 are now pending in this application.

**§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coberfin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,243) in view of Koga (Patent No. JP41106448A – Document Identifier: JP 11064484 A). Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and claim 42 following a brief discussion with the Examiner on July 19, 2006 during which it was suggested that applicant cancel the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. All other claims have been allowed.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

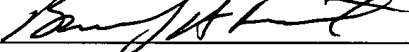
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